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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION COSTS TO SAUDI TRUST
ACCOUNT

STATE PASS TREASURY WASH DC IMMEDIATE

STATE FOR NEA, DAS SOBER

TREASURY FOR UNDERSECRETARY SOLOMON AND OSAA

1. TREASURY OFFICIAL LEWIS BOWDEN TODAY APRIL 17 MADE PRESENTATION ON TRANSFER OF CERTAIN USG PERSONNEL AND OTHER JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION COSTS TO DEPUTY MINISTER MANSOOR AL-TURKI. HIS REACTION WAS NEGATIVE.
 2. AL-TURKI POINTED OUT WHILE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED WAS NOT REALLY SIGNIFICANT, HE FELT SUCH REQUEST VIOLATES "JOINTNESS PRINCIPLE". HE ADDED REQUEST RAN DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO ORIGINAL USG UNDERTAKING IN WRITING TO SET UP AND FUND WASHINGTON BASE ORGANIZATION TO BACKSTOP
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JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION PROGRAM.

3. BOWDEN RESPONDED HE NOT AWARE OF ANY USG COMMITMENT TO FUND SUCH OPERATION IN WRITING OR OTHERWISE, ALTHOUGH WE HAD DONE SO FROM TREASURY ESF FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS. IN POINT OF FACT, UNDER TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, SAG IN OUR VIEW HAD UNDERTAKEN TO DEFRAY

ALL PROJECT COSTS AS WELL AS ALL ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF SUPPORT COSTS. BOWDEN REMINDED TURKI PRECEDENT EXISTS SINCE SAG ALREADY PAYS FOR NUMEROUS USG BACK-STOPPING PERSONNEL AND OTHER COSTS IN FORM OF PROJECT BUDGETS.

4. AL TURKI DID NOT GIVE REPLY TO REQUEST SAYING HE MUST DISCUSS IT WITH FINANCE MINISTER ABA AL-KHAIL AND IN ANY EVENT IT WAS POLITICAL MATTER WHICH ULTIMATELY MUST BE DECIDED BY CROWN PRINCE FAHD. TURKI SAID HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE BOWDEN AN ANSWER BY APRIL 21 BUT WHEN ANSWER WAS FORTHCOMING HE WOULD PASS TO USREP DIRECTOR HUMMON TO COMMUNICATE TO WASHINGTON.

5. COMMENT: BOWDEN CONSIDERS TURKI'S REACTION WAS ABOUT AS EXPECTED IN THIS OPENING ROUND. IN EVENT SAG OBJECTS SERIOUSLY TO OUR MAXIMUM POSITION, WE MAY WANT TO HAVE COMPROMISE ALREADY WORKED OUT. REQUEST OSAA REVISE CONFIGURATION OF MODULE ONE IN BOWDEN-TO-SOLOMON MEMO OF MARCH 30 TO REFLECT FOLLOWING: (1) FOUR OSAA PROGRAM OFFICERS; PLUS HONADLE AND NEW ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN; THREE SECRETARIES; BUDGET AND PROGRAM ASSISTANT; MOGANNAM, RIYADH FINANCIAL OFFICER AND AMERICAN SECRETARY; CONTRACT OFFICER AND HIS SECRETARY; PLUS PROPOSED CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR; (2) DELETE COMMUNICATIONS COST; (3) EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AS GIVEN; (4) TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION COST SOLELY FOR AFOREMENTIONED PERSONNEL. AFTER THIS IS PUT TOGETHER, PLEASE SHOW PERSONNEL AND ESTIMATED COSTS REMAINING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO BE COVERED FROM OTHER SOURCES.

6. MESSAGE SHOULD BE SENT TO USREP FOR BOWDEN IF YOU CAN GET ANSWER BACK BY COB TUESDAY, APRIL 19; OTHERWISE SEND TO HUMMON WHO WILL KEEP IN HAND TO BE USED IF SO AUTHORIZED.
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